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GREEN COVE SPRINGS MAN SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. District Judge Henry Lee Adams, Jr. today sentenced Vince Douglas Halliday, age 39 and a resident of Green Cove Springs, Florida, to 21 years and nine months in prison and a 10 year term of supervised release for the federal crime of receipt of child pornography. On January 18, 2008, Halliday pled guilty to knowingly receiving child pornography by computer from the Internet during the period from November 2006 through July 2007. Additionally, the Court revoked Halliday's term of supervised release from a prior federal drug case and sentenced him to an additional 21 months imprisonment to be served consecutively.

According to court documents, Halliday was on court ordered supervised release after having been convicted of a prior federal drug offense. A search of Halliday's residence conducted on September 7, 2007 by U.S. Probation Officers revealed, among other things, a laptop computer and several compact disks belonging to Halliday. Forensic analysis of Halliday's computer hard drive and compact disks revealed at least 50 images and 12 videos depicting child pornography. This forensic analysis also showed that many of the images and videos of child pornography had been downloaded and received from the Internet. In addition, officers discovered three photographs taken by Halliday of a

minor child.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.